D.D.A. colonies and the staff of Delhi Police deputed are extorting money, especially from the residents of Mayur Vihar Phase-III, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether Delhi Police proposes to take action against the S.H.O. and other employees so as to save the said residents from police exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, no specific case of extortion of money has been reported to Delhi Police.

Fencing of Indo-Bangladesh Border

4260. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Government of Tripura to ensure quick completion of the fencing work on the Indo-Bangladesh Border in Tripura to prevent the entry of anti-Indian insurgents from Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been/are proposed to be taken in this regard to seal the porous and vulnerable border to improve the security scenario?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government have sanctioned 736 Kms. of fence in Tripura Sector along Indo-Bangladesh Border. The work is in progress and is targeted to be completed by 2007. For timely completion of work in Tripura, CPWD, State PWD and NBCC have been engaged in addition to BRO. Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling, conduct of the special operations, upgradation of the intelligence network, use of night vision devices, augmentation of strength for patrolling/naka duties etc. are some of the steps which the Government have taken to further improve the security scenario.

Special grants to review Macro-stragegies of security forces in J&K

4261. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre and Jammu and Kashmir Government have decided to set up a special group that will review existing 'Macro-strategies of security forces and intelligence agencies engaged in counter-terrorism operations;

(b) if so, to what extent this group will help to improve security in State;

(c) whether there has been exodus of almost all minority communities;

(d) if so, whether inspite of assurances given by Centre and State, there is no minority at present staying in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(e) if so, to what extent these new measures have helped to improve security in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Pursuant to the decision taken in the High Level Meeting held on March 31, 2003, a Special Group has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary (JKA), MHA to review existing macro-strategies of the security forces and intelligence agencies in J&K and to suggest appropriate strategies to be followed to counter terrorism in J&K.

The Special Group has been asked to submit its report within 90 days.

(c) and (d) As intimated by the Government of J&K, 86 families (including some families of Sikhs) have migrated from the valley so far, after the Nadimarg incident and have reported in Relief Commissioner (migrants)'s Office, Jammu for registration as migrants. However minority communities continue to be present in various parts of Jammu and Kashmir.

(e) In addition to diplomatic initiatives at various levels and intensive pressure on terrorists in the hinterland, the Government conjoinly with the State Government, has taken a series of steps to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by the pro-Pak terrorist outfits/Pak ISI which includes strengthening of border management to check infiltration; proactive action against terrorists; gearing up intelligence machinery; protective measures for remote and scattered populations and minorities; greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels; improved technology; weapons and equipments for security forces and action as per law against over-ground supporters of the terrorists.

The strategies, tactics and dynamic deployment to counter the terrorist are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored at various levels in the State and Central Government.

State Government has further informed that static guards have been established at pockets/villages inhabited by minority families and Area Domination is also being ensured in minority community pockets.

Peace talks with Kashmiri militants

4262. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have contingency plans to improve the peace talks plan with Kashmiri militants in view of the recent murder of Ex. Hizbul Commander Abdul Mazeed Dar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of Padmanabhan-Hizb talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Shri N.N. Vohra has been appointed as the Government of India's representative to initiate and carry forward a dialogue with the elected representatives, various organizations and concerned individuals in the State of J & K and not with any specific individual or organization in the State.

(c) Shri Vohra (not Shri Padmanabhan) has had no talks with the Hizb.

Terrorists arrested under Pota in J&K

†4263. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some terrorists had been arrested till February, 2003 in Jammu and Kashmir under Prevention of Terrorism Act;

(b) if so, the total number thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the charges levelled under the said Act have now been withdrawn against a number of terrorists out of these; and

(d) if so, the number of persons against whom charges under Prevention Of Terrorism Act had been withdrawn togetherwith the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.